GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF SALEM STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any Memorandum from the Save Salem Committee against the privatisation of the Salem Steel Plant recently;

(b) whether the said Committee has also urged the Government to halt conversion of the Salem Steel Plant into a subsidiary to complete the sell off process besides extending all the facilities of IPT and IVCA apart from extending the required financial assistance;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. The said committee has urged the Government not to proceed with the divestment of Salem Steel Plant (SSP). They have also urged the Government not to hive off SSP as a subsidiary company. The Government has already agreed to the conversion of SSP into a joint venture as part of the financial and business restructuring of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL).